## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An absorbent article comprising a liquid retentive absorbent layer containing a superabsorbent polymer and a liquid impermeable leak proof layer, wherein an agent having a skin care effect and substantially no decomposing action on said superabsorbent polymer is fixed on a prescribed region of said absorbent article in a state ready to be released from that region on contact with moisture.

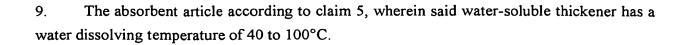
The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said agent is fixed on the skin-contacting surface of said absorbent article.

- 3. The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said agent comprises a water-soluble or water-dispersible plant extract.
- 4. The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said superabsorbent polymer has a water absorption of 30 g/g or more in terms of physiological saline absorption measured after centrifugal dewatering.

An absorbent article comprising a liquid retentive absorbent layer and a liquidimpermeable leak proof layer, wherein an agent having a prescribed effect on the skin of a wearer is fixed with a water-soluble thickener on a prescribed region of said absorbent article.

The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said agent is fixed on the skin-contacting surface of said absorbent article.

- 7. The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said agent is fixed by applying an aqueous solution or dispersion of said agent and said water-soluble thickener to said prescribed region followed by drying.
  - 8. The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said water-soluble thickener comprises polyvinyl alcohol, a carboxyalkyl cellulose or a thickening polysaccharide.



O. Skin-care agent-containing fiber comprising fiber and an effective amount of a skin-care agent fixed on said fiber in a state ready to be released on contact with moisture.

The skin-care agent-containing fiber according to claim 10, wherein said skin-care agent other than 1,3-butylene glycol is fixed together with a textile oil and 1,3-butylene glycol.

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